COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

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County Executive Bellone, Legislator Browning & SCPD Announce Boating Safety Course

Saturday, March 21st, Brookhaven Fire Department; Pre-Registration Required

Brookhaven, NY – On Saturday, March 21st, Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, Legislator Kate Browning and the Suffolk County Police Department will be hosting a New York State Safe Boating Course. This comprehensive boating safety course will be held at the Brookhaven Fire Department from 9AM to 5PM.

The course meets all New York State Safe Boating requirements, teaches the fundamentals of safe boating operation, and will be led by certified instructors from the Suffolk County Police Department Marine Bureau. All individuals born on or after 5/1/1996 are now required to successfully complete an approved course, such as this one, in order to legally operate a motorboat in Suffolk County.

Students must be at least ten years of age to register and all participants **MUST** register for this course. Participants may register via email at <u>Alexandra.VanDerlofske@suffolkcountyny.gov</u> or by phone at 631-853-5020. While there is no cost for this course, if you are 18 or older, you will be required to pay a \$10 fee to New York State Parks for your boating safety certificate. The Brookhaven Fire Department is located at 2486 Montauk Hwy, Brookhaven, 11719.

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